

What is Claimed is:

[c1]

In combination with an electronic video gaming device including a video screen and means for playing a wagering game, a player amusement feature comprising:

means for producing a visual amusement display on said video screen;

and

a control input device operative on player manipulation to at least partially control said visual amusement display.

[c2]

The combination of claim 1, wherein said means for producing a visual amusement display on said video screen is operative to produce said visual amusement display only under certain conditions.

[c3]

The combination of claim 2, wherein said certain conditions are predetermined.

[c4]

The combination of claim 2, wherein said certain conditions are randomly determined.

[c5]

The combination of claim 2, wherein said certain conditions are predetermined and occur on a random basis.

[c6]

The combination of claim 2, wherein said certain conditions are at least partial winning conditions of said wagering game.

[c7]

The combination of claim 2, wherein said certain conditions are bonus winning conditions of said wagering game.

[c8]

The combination of claim 2, wherein said certain conditions are bonus opportunity conditions of said wagering game.

[c9]

The combination of claim 1, wherein player input to said control input device at least partially determines the outcome of at least a portion of said wagering game.

[c10]

The combination of claim 1, wherein player input to said control input device



- [c21] The combination of claim 16, wherein said at least one rolling condition comprises lane condition.
- [c22] The combination of claim 1, wherein said electronic gaming device comprises a virtual reel type slot machine.
- [c23] The combination of claim 22, wherein said virtual reel type slot machine includes reel symbols or indicia pertaining to a bowling theme.
- [c24] The combination of claim 23, wherein said amusement feature comprises an electronic video simulation of at least a portion of a bowling frame.
- [c25] A method of playing an electronic video wagering game, comprising the steps of:
- providing an electronic video gaming device including a video screen and means for playing a wagering game, means for producing a player amusement feature including a visual amusement display on said video screen, and a control input device operative on player manipulation to at least partially control said visual amusement display;
  - affording a player an opportunity to place at least one wager to participate in said wagering game;
  - activating said player amusement feature upon occurrence of a bonus activation condition during play of said wagering game; and
  - affording a player an opportunity to at least partially control said visual amusement display by manipulation of said control input device.
- [c26] The method of claim 25, wherein said certain conditions are predetermined.
- [c27] The method of claim 25, wherein said certain conditions are randomly determined.
- [c28] The method of claim 25, wherein said certain conditions are predetermined and occur on a random basis.
- [c29] The method of claim 25, wherein said certain conditions are at least partial



- [c40] The method of claim 39, wherein said at least one rolling condition comprises rolling release time.
- [c41] The method of claim 39, wherein said at least one rolling condition comprises degree of hook.
- [c42] The method of claim 39, wherein said at least one rolling condition comprises direction of hook.
- [c43] The method of claim 39, wherein said at least one rolling condition comprises approach position.
- [c44] The method of claim 39, wherein said at least one rolling condition comprises lane condition.
- [c45] The method of claim 25, wherein said electronic gaming device comprises a virtual reel type slot machine.
- [c46] The method of claim 45, wherein said virtual reel type slot machine includes reel symbols or indicia pertaining to a bowling theme.
- [c47] The method of claim 46, wherein said amusement feature comprises an electronic video simulation of at least a portion of a bowling frame.